



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**JOE STRAUS**  
SPEAKER

August 25, 2014

Mr. Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

*RE: MB Docket No. 14-57*

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Comcast and Time Warner Cable, two recognized leaders in telecommunications and technology, have served the people of Texas well. Both have invested substantially in our state as our population and our economy have continued to grow. The merger of these two companies will support further expansion of our economy and offer a number of benefits to Texas consumers. I respectfully encourage you to approve this proposed transaction.

These companies have invested billions of dollars in capital expenditures over the years to deliver a better product, and a merger would allow more Texans to benefit from those investments. For example, Comcast's Internet Essentials program, an effort to provide low-cost broadband service to low-income residents, has already served more than 50,000 people in Texas. This transaction would allow that program to reach an even larger share of our population. Overall, a merger would create economies of scale to facilitate even greater investment in broadband deployment, adoption, speeds, and competition.

These companies play an important role in the daily lives of millions of Texans, and this transaction would benefit the people of this state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Straus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" and last name "Straus" clearly distinguishable.

Joe Straus  
Speaker